



Media Musings

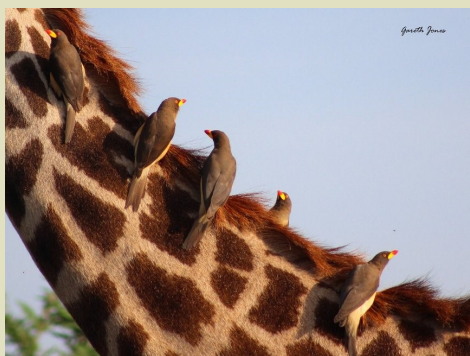
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We are excited to bring you the next newsletter of the AIM Retirement Center, "Media". The reason for the newsletter is to keep you informed on what is happening at Media as well as give information about the missionaries who live here. The 80+ residents and staff represent more than 2,200 years of ministry. We hope this newsletter will help you get to know some of them and what they do at Media. You can also find this at www.retirementcenter.aimsites.org. The Editors



Nature's Missionary: The Red-billed Oxpecker by Dave Hornberger (NATURE-LY SPEAKING)

The grazing animals of Africa's grasslands are blessed by a bird that not only acts as a warning system, but keeps them healthy as well. It's known as an Oxpecker (or "tickbird"). About the size of a Starling they perch on animal's backs and eat disease carrying ticks and insects. And when danger stalks the grasslands the wary birds voice an alarm which alerts the animals to danger.

Most animals seem to gladly tolerate the intrusion. The tickbirds even enter the wide-open mouth of sleeping crocodiles eating the decayed flesh from between its teeth. (Who needs a dentist?)

Because they do good and also warn of impending danger, I refer to them as "missionary birds." After all, Christian missionaries dedicate their lives to do good and to warn. Throughout this world missionaries have been responsible for setting up hospitals, schools, colleges, and churches. They also tell people of their need for salvation, and warn them of the disaster that falls upon people who do not accept this eternal gift from God.

Missionaries heed God's command in Ezekiel 33:7-9 (New Living translation). "Now, son of man, I am making you a watchman for the people [so] listen to what I say and warn them for me. If I announce that some wicked people are sure to die and you fail to warn them about changing their ways, then they will die in their sins, but I will hold you responsible for their death. But if you warn them to repent and they don't repent, they will die in their sins, but you will not be held responsible."

Yes, God wants every Christian to be a missionary. He wants them to warn the unsaved people of their impending eternal death, and tell them of God's rescue plan found in John 3:16, "...but God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

(Our Media missionaries have written a number of books about life and ministry in Africa. If you would like a list with prices, please contact The Editors, Media Musings, at the above address or njgajiga@gmail.com) This book can be purchased through Lulu.



CELEBRATING OUR PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS: MEMORIAL DAY AND FOURTH OF JULY



SCOTT MANOR LADIES ENJOYING ART WITH ELLY & MAKING WORDLESS BOOKS FOR TEEN MISSIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO WRITTEN ENCOURAGING NOTES FOR LOCAL NURSING & ASSISTED LIVING PLACES



Watching the Eclipse

Pottery Class led by Jack Wilson

Peggy Bragg riding a Tricycle Glider

No, not a new Media house but a lovely Doll House created and shared by Shirley McLean





Norma was born in Allagash, a small town at the end of the road in northern Maine, fourth-born in a family of 13 children. Attending Bible Camp in their home town was the highlight of their summer, and she publicly declared her faith in Jesus and was baptized at age 11. Following high school she attended New Brunswick Bible Inst. and then worked at Christian Service Brigade in an administrative capacity. At that time she felt God's call to serve as a missionary overseas.

She applied to SIM (Sudan Interior Mission) and was accepted to serve in Nigeria. However, the Biafra war was in process and the government was not giving visas to Americans. In January 1970 SIM learned that AIM could use her in East Africa and her file was handed to AIM. (She has not completed one application form for AIM!). She arrived in Nairobi in 1970 and served as secretary in the Field Office until 1978 when she transferred to the International Office. In 1985 the I O moved to England, and she served there until 1991 when she responded to an administrative need in the South African Office and spent nine years in Cape Town. She then served in the AIM Branch Office in Kampala (Uganda) for four years and during the next two years filled administrative roles in offices in Nairobi, the TIMO base and Kampala. In 2007 she came to Media and has taken short assignments to Beira (Mozambique), Antananarivo (Madagascar), Maseru (Lesotho), and at the TIMO base (Tanzania).

Each Friday she visits the Orlando Community Release Center, a low security prison for women. Her role is that of listener. She finds it a great privilege to be part of their lives during a very painful and vulnerable time. In addition, she has been involved with Christian Listeners by helping to conduct listening workshops (listening three-dimensionally--to God, to others and to ourselves). She attends St Matthias Episcopal Church and serves on the Outreach Committee.

PROMOTED TO HEAVEN

Paul Buysc, Barbara Battyc
Mary Modricker

NEW RESIDENTS

Janicc & Rich Dunkerton (staff)



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Garry Eppy



Transition: Esther Beverly, Evelyn Schulz and Gloria Orner moved into Scott Manor. Ginny Andersen will join them in September



Esther Baker has joined the Staff as one of the Scott Manor caretakers

SEEN AROUND MEDIA



Just Some Fun

Butterflies love our gardens

One of ten new Live Oak Trees donated by Jon Clyde, of JCC Bobcat & Tree Service to replace the ones either cut down or knocked down by storms

New cushions for Scott Manor handmade by Annette

The beautiful view from the dock

